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ON PATENTABILITY
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OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY
(PCT Rule 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).



The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

2. Transmittal of the copy of the translation to the designated or elected Offices.

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3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).

The applicant is reminded that, where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

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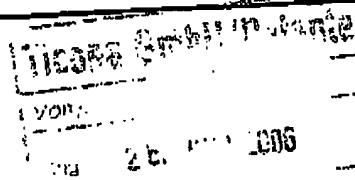
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2003/G009	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2004/009812	International filing date (day/month/year) 03 September 2004 (03.09.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 05 September 2003 (05.09.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).

Date of issuance of this report
10 July 2006 (10.07.2006)

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No. PCT/EP2004/009812	International filing date (day/month/year) 03.09.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 05.09.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C08G2/32		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Translation

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.
PCT/EP2004/009812

Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material

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 - c. time of filing/furnishing

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITYInternational application No.
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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not yet been furnished:
 copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).
Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY		International application No. PCT/EP2004/009812																					
Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																							
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>1. Reference is made to the following document:</p> <p>D1: DE-A-3123065</p> <p>Document D1 discloses the preparation of polyoxymethylene polymers which are blocked by means of an adduct of an alkylene oxide with a carboxylic acid (see claims).</p> <p>2. The features important to the invention are mentioned in none of the documents cited in the search report. The subject matter of claims 1 and 14 is thus novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>3. Document D1 is considered to be the closest prior art.</p> <p>The subject matter of the present invention therefore differs from the known D1 in the use of derivatives of carbonic acid or in the use of derivatives of dicarboxylic acid.</p> <p>The solution proposed for this problem in claims 1 and 14 of the present application is based on an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) because D1 does not make it apparent to a person skilled in the respective technical field how a polyoxymethylene polymer having a high molecular weight and a low melt index can be obtained.</p> <p>Claims 2-13 and 15-21 are dependent on claims 1 and 14 and thus likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.</p> <p>4. The claims of the present invention are industrially applicable.</p>																							

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